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## Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its preparatory meeting

### Note by the Secretariat**

1. In its resolution 58/213, the General Assembly decided that the accreditation and participation of major groups, including non-governmental organizations, in the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States shall be in accordance with rule 65 of the provisional rules of procedure of the International Meeting as contained in the note by the Secretary-General (A/58/567 and Corr.1). In the same resolution, the Assembly decided that non-governmental organizations whose work is relevant to the subject of the International Meeting that are not currently accredited by the Economic and Social Council may submit applications to participate as observers in the International Meeting, as well as its preparatory meeting, subject to the approval of the open-ended preparatory meeting.

2. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, through its Division for Sustainable Development, requested all unaccredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups wishing to attend the International Meeting and its preparatory meeting to submit their applications, together with the required supplementary materials, for evaluation. With support from the United Nations Non-

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** Submission of this note was delayed to provide information on the most recent applications by non-governmental organizations not currently accredited by the Economic and Social Council.

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governmental Liaison Service and other relevant bodies, as appropriate, the Division has reviewed the relevance of the work of each applicant on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, particularly in the follow-up process to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

3. The Division indicated that if the evaluation showed, on the basis of the information provided, that the stated purposes of the applicant organization were legitimate and its activities were relevant to the work of the International Meeting, the Division would recommend its accreditation to the Commission on Sustainable Development. In the case of a recommendation against accreditation, the Division would make its reasons available to the Commission, and would submit its recommendations on all requests for accreditation to member States two weeks before the start of the preparatory meeting.

4. The Division has received and evaluated the completed application packages received by the 1 March 2004 deadline, for review by the Commission at its twelfth session at the preparatory meeting for the International Meeting scheduled to be held from 14 to 16 April 2004. A list of the non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended for accreditation by the Division, as well as a list of those not recommended, is contained in the annex.

**Annex**

**List of non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended for accreditation to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its preparatory meeting**

**1. Action pour une Gestion Rationalle de l'Environnement en Mauritaine (AGREEM)**

BP 311 RP Tevragh Zeina 42, Nouakchott, Mauritania

**Tel:** + 222 677 0697

**Fax:** + 222 524 0662

**E-mail:** agreem@caramail.com

**Website:** none

**Established:** 1998

**Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities:** Aims to contribute to efforts for combating desertification and implementing the UN Convention on Combating Desertification. Supports and contributes to conservation of biodiversity. Activities focus on educating the public about causes of desertification and loss of biodiversity, mobilizing public support for activities aiming to counter these problems, fighting against poverty, and providing support to conservation projects and literacy campaigns.

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**2. Aldet Centre-Saint Lucia**

Box MA020, Marchano P.O., Castries, Saint Lucia

**Tel:** + 758 452 5374

**Fax:** + 758 453 1983

**E-mail:** aldetcentre@yahoo.com

**Website:** none

**Established:** 1994

**Summary of organizational focus and activities:** Promotes democratic development through information gathering and dissemination, and creating political space for democratic processes and civil society participation. Provides Secretariat services to a number of national and regional indigenous peoples organizations. Majority of work focuses on human rights, through human rights monitors in 17 local communities, legal counselling, conferences or consultations, worker education, facilitating worker and management initiatives, and working with law enforcement institutions. Monitors government decision-making processes to create space for civil society involvement and public consultations. Was accredited to and participated in the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

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**3. Association of Development Agencies (ADA)**

12 Easton Avenue, Kingston 5, Jamaica

**Tel:** + 876 927 8568

**Fax:** + 876 927 4580

**E-mail:** asdevgen@cwjamaica.com

**Website:** none

**Established:** 1985

**Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities:** Operates as a collective forum of non-government development organizations that work to promote sustainable development and social change. In partnership with its members, seeks to: promote community and public education programs to increase capacities of social organizations at local and international levels; enhance the performance of NGOs in the areas of governance, programming and financial and personnel management; provide ongoing, systematic analysis of global and macro issues to strengthen awareness and collaborate with others in lobbying for alternative strategies and mechanisms that address opportunities for sustainable development; promote advocacy and representational work on selected aspects of social, cultural, and economical policy; improve the diversification of ADA's funding options and build an independent financial base; maintain support for regional and international efforts to build a sustainable development paradigm; and use these efforts to enrich ADA's own work in Jamaica.

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**4. Association Women Sun of Haiti (AFASDA)**

Rue 21 J-K # 145, Cap-Haitien, Haiti

**Tel:** + 509 262 2558

**Fax:** + 509 262 3902

**E-mail:** afasdacap@yahoo.fr

**Website:** www.haitimedical.com/afasda

**Established:** 1997

**Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities:** Supports and promotes the activities of women and children in Haiti and Dominican Republic and encourages their active participation to create a more equitable society, foster leadership, and overcome discrimination. Activities include projects related to literacy, health, education, human rights, agriculture, arts, development of training centres for girls, potable water, reforestation, educational seminars, and radio and television programs highlighting Haitian women.

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**5. Centre de Documentation, de Recherches et de Formation Indianocéaniques (CEDREFI)**

31 Draper St, Quatre Bornes, Republic of Mauritius

**Tel:** + 230 46550

**Fax:** + 230 4651422

**E-mail:** pynee@mu.refer.org

**Website:** none

**Established:** 1982

**Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities:** Aims to promote, disseminate and advance through actions the vital concept of people-centred development, particularly in Mauritius, and to sensitise people on the importance of regional cooperation, in all its forms, among the islands of the South West Indian Ocean. Activities include efforts to: identify, collect and disseminate information and knowledge on the Indian Ocean region and the South

West Indian Ocean Islands, in particular information geared towards the research community and NGOs; undertake research on issues of relevance to the islands of the Indian Ocean region in partnership with grassroots organisations; initiate, facilitate and develop training programmes for NGO leaders and staff of NGOs of the islands of the South West Indian Ocean; act as an interface between civil society and the research community; and promote networking activities at national, regional and international levels.

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**6. Centre for Rights and Development (CEFRAD)**

P.O. Box 233, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles Islands

**Tel:** + 248 768028 / 763782

**FAX:** +248 242068 / 225379

**E-mail:** cefrad@seychelles.sc

**Website:** none

**Established:** 1998

**Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities:** Strives to facilitate the development of well-balanced individuals equipped with knowledge, skills and motivation that will enable them to proactively participate in sustainable development at community, national and global levels. Activities focus on: fostering access to human rights and development; providing the Seychellois population with a forum for constitutional and human rights education and action; encouraging and assisting young Seychellois to develop their creative and productive talents;

contributing towards the enhancement of national productivity and sustainable development; and collaborating with similar movements. Projects include the Small Islands Peace Action Initiative, the Human Rights & Democracy Education Programme, and a proposed Indian Ocean Civil Society Workshop on "Democratic Governance and Sustainable Development of Small Island States," which aspires to adopt an Indian Ocean civil society strategy for proactively participating in the implementation of the Barbados and the Johannesburg plans of action and other future programmes for sustainable development of small island states.

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**7. Coalition for Community Participation in Governance**

47 Beechwood Avenue, Kingston 5, Jamaica

**Tel:** + 876 929 8873 or 960 9067

**Fax:** + 876 968 9260

**E-mail:** ccpg876@yahoo.com

**Website:** none

**Established:** 1995

**Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities:** Promotes the understanding, acceptance, and practice of citizens' participation as a fundamental right and a basic requirement for sustainable development. Projects include sustainable development work with communities around water, sanitation and hygiene promotion in rural and inner urban communities; gender equality sensitisation workshops; and training of social development officers and National

Youth Service Volunteers in gender and participation. Activities focus on capacity building of community leaders and members, building partnerships with all sectors of society, undertaking participatory research action projects, and working with communities to meet their basic needs. Membership is comprised of individuals and a number of NGOs and CBOs.

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**8. Global Islands Network (GIN)**

3 Douglas Row, Portree, Isle of Skye, Scotland UK IV51 9DD

**Tel:** + 44 1478 611213

**Fax:** + 44 1478 612519

**E-mail:** graeme@globalislands.net

**Website:** http://www.globalislands.net

**Established:** 2002

**Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities:** Aims to promote culturally appropriate, ecologically sound, economically sustainable and socially equitable development on islands worldwide. Activities include: facilitating the capacity of islanders to acquire, disseminate and utilise knowledge resources; improving access to existing data and generating original information about islands; providing technical assistance and supporting initiatives which further integrated development on small islands; encouraging collaborative projects and comparative studies between and among islands; fostering cooperation by sharing good practices and offering a forum for discussion; and strengthening the voice of island

communities as well as their representatives in intergovernmental and policy-making bodies. GIN presently works in collaboration with over 50 partner organisations, bringing together government agencies, university departments, research institutes, marine laboratories, businesses, companies, NGOs, voluntary bodies and community groups, in a network where they can share and replicate best practices.

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